

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Wyangala, NSW



Flowering stems, flowers mainly spent. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Wyangala, NSW

Common name

A Verbena

Family

Verbenaceae

Where found

Woodland, disturbed sites, roadsides, and along streams. Mostly coast and ranges north from near Picton. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 2.5 m high. Stems conspicuously 4-angled in cross section, surface mostly hairless, sometimes rough and hairy near the top. Leaves opposite each other, 4–5 cm long, about 1 mm wide, margins sharply toothed or **incised**, at least above the middle; tips more or less pointed. Flowers bright blue or violet to lilac or purple, tubular, the tube 2.5–3 mm long, with 5 lobes. **Calyx** 5-toothed. Flowers in branched clusters ending in a mostly short **spike**. Flowers throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Verbena-is> (accessed 11 February, 2021)

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